

**Senate File 403 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the statewide fire and police retirement  
2 system by providing for the transition of the system and its  
3 members into the Iowa public employees' retirement system.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 97B.5 Transition of statewide fire  
2 and police retirement system members — chief executive officer  
3 duties.

4 1. The chief executive officer for the system is responsible  
5 for effecting the transition, by July 1, 2015, of members of  
6 the statewide fire and police retirement system, created in  
7 chapter 411, into the Iowa public employees' retirement system  
8 as protection occupation members under section 97B.49B. The  
9 chief executive officer shall develop a transition plan and  
10 other appropriate transition documents deemed necessary to  
11 accomplish the transition in accordance with the requirements  
12 of this chapter and section 411.37A. The chief executive  
13 officer shall present the transition plan and related  
14 transition documents to the benefits advisory committee. The  
15 chief executive officer may consider any recommendations  
16 offered by the committee, and must then adopt a transition plan  
17 and other appropriate transition documents deemed necessary  
18 to accomplish the transition. The statewide fire and police  
19 retirement system and its board shall comply with the orders  
20 of the chief executive officer issued pursuant to the adopted  
21 transition plan or related transition documents.

22 2. The chief executive officer shall include in the  
23 transition plan, or related transition documents, provisions to  
24 facilitate continuity of coverage for members of the statewide  
25 fire and police retirement systems.

26 3. Upon the written approval of the chief executive  
27 officer of the Iowa public employees' retirement system to the  
28 statewide fire and police retirement system, a vested member of  
29 the statewide fire and police retirement system under chapter  
30 411 on June 30, 2015, who meets all requirements adopted in the  
31 transition plan or related transition documents shall become  
32 a member of the retirement system under this chapter on July  
33 1, 2015.

34 Sec. 2. Section 411.2, subsection 1, Code 2011, is amended  
35 to read as follows:

1 1. Except as provided in subsections 2 through 5 6,  
2 each city in which the fire fighters or police officers are  
3 appointed under the civil service law of this state, shall  
4 participate in the retirement system established by this  
5 chapter for the purpose of providing retirement allowances only  
6 for fire fighters or police officers, or both, of the cities  
7 who are so appointed after the date the city comes under the  
8 retirement system, or benefits to their dependents.

9 Sec. 3. Section 411.2, Code 2011, is amended by adding the  
10 following new subsection:

11 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. A police officer or fire fighter hired  
12 on or after July 1, 2011, by a city with a population of more  
13 than eight thousand prior to the results of the federal census  
14 conducted in 1990, shall not be eligible to participate in  
15 the retirement system under this chapter and shall instead  
16 be enrolled in the Iowa public employees' retirement system  
17 created in chapter 97B, as protection occupation members under  
18 section 97B.49B.

19 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. **411.37A Transition to Iowa public**  
20 **employees' retirement system — board duties.**

21 1. The board of trustees for the system is responsible for  
22 collaborating with the chief executive officer of the Iowa  
23 public employees' retirement system to develop and effectuate  
24 a plan to transition all statewide fire and police retirement  
25 system members and to transfer all assets of that system into  
26 the Iowa public employees' retirement system by July 1, 2015.

27 2. The board shall assist the chief executive officer of  
28 the Iowa public employees' retirement system in developing a  
29 transition plan and related transition documents, including  
30 provisions necessary to facilitate continuity of coverage for  
31 system members, and relating to the transfer of assets from the  
32 system to the Iowa public employees' retirement system created  
33 in chapter 97B.

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**EXPLANATION**

35 This bill relates to the statewide fire and police

1 retirement system by providing for the transition of the system  
2 and its members into the Iowa public employees' retirement  
3 system (IPERS).

4 The bill provides that all newly hired police officers and  
5 fire fighters of a city with a population of more than 8,000  
6 shall not be eligible for membership in the statewide fire and  
7 police retirement system, but instead shall be required to  
8 become a member of the Iowa public employees' retirement system  
9 as protection occupation members.

10 The bill further provides that the board of trustees of the  
11 statewide fire and police retirement system must work with  
12 the chief executive officer of the Iowa public employees'  
13 retirement system to develop a plan for the transition of all  
14 statewide fire and police retirement system members and assets  
15 into the Iowa public employees' retirement system.

16 The bill provides that the chief executive officer of IPERS  
17 must develop a transition plan and related transition documents  
18 to be presented to the Iowa public employees' retirement system  
19 benefits advisory committee for its review and comments in  
20 2013. The bill provides that the chief executive officer may  
21 consider any recommendations from the committee, and must then  
22 adopt a transition plan and related transition documents.

23 The bill provides that the members and assets of the  
24 statewide fire and police retirement system on June 30, 2015,  
25 become members or assets, respectively, of the Iowa public  
26 employees' retirement system as of July 1, 2015.